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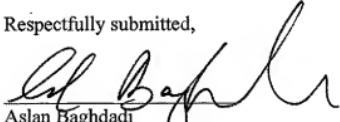
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 15-34 were pending in this application before the present amendment. In the Office Action dated November 5, 2009, the Examiner indicated that claims 26 and 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended the two independent claims, claims 15 and 31, such that claim 15 now additionally recites the limitations previously recited in claims 21 and 26, and claim 31 now recites the limitations previously recited in claim 34. Claims 21, 26 and 31 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, all of the claims in this case have been deemed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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